

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 485

By Stevens

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the McKenzie High School Rebels football team on winning the 2022 TSSAA Division I, Class 1A State Football Championship.

WHEREAS, we are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the McKenzie High School Rebels football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2022 season, winning the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I, Class 1A State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; the Rebels exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, McKenzie High School captured the state championship with a thrilling 34-14 victory over Clay County High School in the BlueCross Bowl in Chattanooga at Finley Stadium on December 2, 2022, to complete a perfect season of 15-0; and

WHEREAS, although past McKenzie High teams had finished state runners-up in 2007 and 2021, this is the first state championship title for the McKenzie High School Rebels in their already storied history; and

WHEREAS, the football players of McKenzie High School epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired their fellow students and united the entire community during their triumphant run through the 2022 season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship football season but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Rebel football players of McKenzie High School for serving as exemplars of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the players, coaching staff, team support staff, administrators, cheerleaders, and fans of the McKenzie High School Rebels football team on winning the 2022 TSSAA Division I, Class 1A State Football Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.